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May 6, 1963

Mr. John A. McCone
Director of Central Intelligence
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. McCone:

The Preparedness Investigating Subcommittee is about to resume its hearings on the impact of the latest nuclear test ban treaty proposals on the U. S. military posture with a briefing by Mr. William C. Foster, Director, U. S. Arms Control and Disarmament Agency, on May 7, 1963.

According to our present schedule, Mr. Foster's appearance will be followed by Major General Jermain F. Rodenhauser, Chief, Air Force Technical Applications Center; Dr. Franklin A. Long, Assistant Director (Science and Technology), U. S. Arms Control and Disarmament Agency; Dr. Leland Haworth and Major General A. W. Betts, Atomic Energy Commission.

As you are aware, the desirability and feasibility of a nuclear test ban treaty is dependent to a marked degree on the status, future requirements, and development potential of the Soviet nuclear weapons program and on past and future contributions of intelligence to the detection, identification, and location of foreign nuclear tests. I sincerely hope that it will be possible for you to appear before the Subcommittee to provide testimony with respect to these important matters. Our present hearing schedule is necessarily tentative, but we would hope to be able to receive your testimony during the week of May 20, 1963.

It would be helpful to the members of the Subcommittee if your prepared statement covering these matters could be received by us at least 24 hours in advance of your appearance.

All hearings will be in executive session, but we hope to develop a procedure whereby major portions of the testimony at these hearings may be unclassified so that it may be made available to the public.

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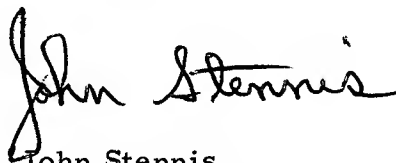
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Mr. John A. McCone

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I wish to express my deep personal appreciation for all the assistance you have provided to me and to the Subcommittee in the past. If we can be of any help in further defining the areas of intelligence interest in connection with these hearings, I trust you or your staff will feel free to call upon us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Stennis". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name.

John Stennis
Chairman, Preparedness
Investigating Subcommittee

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Remarks:

Attached is a letter from Senator Stennis to the DCI requesting his appearance before the Subcommittee some time during the week of 20 May 1963 in connection with its nuclear test ban hearings. The hearings actually start 7 May and Senator Stennis has agreed that one observer from CIA may be present at all hearings. (I will contact Sheldon re who the person shall be.) Copies have gone to DD/I, DD/R, and AD/SL. No answer is required if the Director approves of appearing as ~~assume~~ he will.

John S. Warner

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